of the work for the whole of Indian Railways including a captive telecom network is Rs. 1098 crores.

(c) As the details of NIC offer have only just been made available they will be examined for suitability of the system for management of indian Railways Operations. It is not advisible to change the approach while the NIC offer is being examined in depth.

Encroachment of Railway Land in Assam

7869. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maximum encroachment of land on both sides of the railway track in different Railway Zones in Assam is affecting even normal railway services;

(b) if so, what is the area of Railway land encroached by Bangladeshis in Assam;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any survey of the land under encroachment; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any area has got vacated by Government during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the effective steps being teken to remove these encroachments in future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Encroachments on railway land in some locations close to the Railway track are affecting Railway operations.

(b) Information relating to the nationality of encroachers is not maintained by the Railways.

(c) Identification of encroachments on railway land is done on a regular basis. There are 5452 encroachments on railway land in Assam.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Action to remove encroachments from railway land is taken in accordance with the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971 and on a continuous basis.

Loco deal with ABB

7870. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) What is the response of the Ministry on the report of the Controller and Auditor General of India (CAG) about 6000 Horse Power Loco deal with Asian Brown Breweries (ABB);

(b) on what consideration the ABB was preferred in comparison to same quality locos offered by others at much lower rates;

(c) the details about the offer specifications of loco technology transfer and terms of payment etc. made by various loco manufacturers;

(d) what is the range HPs of locos produced by Indian manufacturers and their existing potential to upgrade higher level HP locos and better quality production;

(e) whether there was no marked difference in specifications and proces between domestic and international, offers, the reasons for which domestic offers were not accepted; and

(f) whether Government have taken care to reduce highly disturbing vibrations in coaches of high speed trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Ashram Express?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The CAG Report is under consideration.

(b) The offer of M/s ABB was evaluated as the lowest acceptable offer.

(c) A annexure is attached. [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 150]

(d) Both CLW and BHEL are manufacturing locomotives of 3850 HP.